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## **GREGG: HOUSE BILL IS A RUNAWAY TRAIN TO MORE DEBT AND A GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF OUR HEALTH SYSTEM**

Senator Judd Gregg stated, “The \$2.4 trillion, 2,000 page health care reform proposal released by the House Democratic Leadership exactly one week ago today is currently on a fast and dangerous track to final passage in the House of Representatives. Led by Speaker Pelosi, this behemoth bill is slated to be voted on this Saturday. It is completely inappropriate to rush through this massive package that fails to achieve meaningful health care reform, will result in a government takeover of the health care system in this country and cause significant damage to our fiscal future.

“If a Republican were to propose a bill that cuts Medicare and Medicaid by more than \$600 billion, raises taxes by \$730 billion, puts increased stress on states who are already struggling under tight budgets to pay billions more in Medicaid payments, increases individual premiums, reduces the quality of care and stifles innovation, not a single Democrat would vote for it. However, under Speaker Pelosi’s strong-armed leadership, that is exactly what the House is trying to pass.

“Hopefully reasonable members of the House will realize that the nation cannot afford this bill and that ramming through a careless, partisan bill that rings in at \$1.2 billion dollars per page, but still leaves 18 million Americans uninsured, will do irreparable damage to the high quality health care that people in our country expect.”

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